

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



**FISCAL NOTE**

**SB 1935 – HB 1697**

March 12, 2009

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Authorizes local governments to charge a fee equal to five percent of the provider's gross revenues from the operation of telegraph and telephone lines in the public right-of-way. Under current law local governments are authorized to charge a rental fee and limit the rates charged to telegraph and telephone companies.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Other Fiscal Impact – Local governments charging less than five percent will experience an increase in revenue estimated to exceed \$1,000,000. Local governments charging more than five percent will experience a decrease in revenue estimated to exceed \$1,000,000. The local government impact cannot be aggregated because the increase or decrease in revenue is dependent upon current rental fees charged.**

Assumption:

- Amount of fees currently charged by local government entities varies across the state. According to the County Technical Assistance Service (CTAS), the Municipal Technical Advisory Service (MTAS), and the Comptroller, data on current collections is unavailable and a precise impact cannot be determined.

**CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White".

James W. White, Executive Director

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